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REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicants have cancelled original claim 1 (claims 2-36 having been cancelled in the transmittal papers of this continuation application) and provided new claims 37-65. Support for new claims 37-65 is found in the originally filed application. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Please charge our Deposit Account 13-2725 the amount of \$162.00 to cover the added claim fee (for 9 additional claims over the 20 previously paid). In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account 13-2725.

Applicants respectfully request that this supplemental preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be helpful to facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Mara E. Liepa (Reg. No. 40,066), at (612) 371.5222.

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